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KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR ENTICING A MINOR FOR SEX

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man was sentenced in federal court today for enticing a minor for sex and traveling across the state line with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

David William Bishop, 26, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to five years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Bishop** to forfeit to the government a Packard Bell desktop computer that was used to commit the offenses.

On Jan. 7, 2005, **Bishop** pleaded guilty to charges contained in a Nov. 1, 2004, federal indictment. **Bishop** admitted that he used an Internet chat room on July 27 and 28, 2004, to entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity. **Bishop** also admitted that he traveled across the state line from Kansas to Missouri for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a person under 18 years of age.

Although **Bishop** believed he was conversing in the chat room with a 14-year-old girl, Graves said, in reality he was communicating with an undercover law enforcement officer. **Bishop** made arrangements for them to meet for sex, and was arrested when he arrived for the meeting.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Nelson. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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